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Recent statistics published by the California Department of Justice indicate that the number of juveniles arrested is declining. While there is no single explanation for this welcomed trend, it coincides with legislative initiatives that not only restructured the way local jurisdictions approach juvenile crime, but also reduced the involvement of at-risk youth and young offenders in the juvenile justice system. Due in large measure to the success of these legislative initiatives, the State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1913 (AB 1913), which provided a funding source and the guiding framework for implementing, sustaining, and/or expanding programs based on strategies that have proven effective in responding to juvenile crime and delinquency.

AB 1913, commonly known as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), provides \$27.8 million to Los Angeles County in Fiscal Year 2005-06 to maximize the impact of public dollars on public safety. Programs are focused on three key principles: 1) local planning; 2) multi-agency collaboration; and 3) program evaluation.

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The Governor's proposed State Budget for FY 2005-06 includes a 75% cut in Statewide JJCPA funding and reserves the remainder for a new juvenile probation initiative to be announced in the May Revision to the Budget. This proposed cut, if approved, would result in the loss of at least \$20 million in JJCPA funding that is crucial to community-based services that help young people avoid a life of crime. The funding cut would become effective in FY 2006-07.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Send a five-signature letter to the Governor and the County's Legislative Delegation in support of restored funding for JJCPA programs to ensure effective community-based services to keep juveniles out of the justice system by intervening in the lives of those who are at-risk of delinquent behavior.

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